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FROM ENVOY WALTER'S OFFICE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (PAUL VI, POPE), VT, US
SUBJ: ARRANGEMENTS FOR POPE PAUL'S FUNERAL

REF: ROME 14457

1. VATICAN SUBSTITUTE SECRETARY OF STATE CAPRIO
INFORMED SARROS THAT STATE FUNERAL FOR POPE PAUL
HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY FIXED FOR SATURDAY, AUGUST 12
AT 6 P.M. IT WILL BE A MASS APPROXIMATELY 1 1/2
HOUR IN DURATION AND NO OTHER EVENTS SCHEDULED AT
THE VATICAN.

2. VATICAN ALSO ADVISES FOREIGN DELEGATIONS
SHOULD CONSIST OF MAXIMUM OF FIVE PERSONS.

3. ENVOY WALTERS RECOMMENDS THAT FOLLOWING PERSONS
BE CONSIDERED FOR US DELEGATION TO POPE'S FUNERAL:

A. VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE (ALTERNATE MS. LILLIAN)

B. SPEAKER O'NEILL
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C. SENATOR STONE (FLORIDA)

D. ENVOY WALTERS

E. EX-ENVOY HENRY CABOT LODGE

4. AS SOON AS DEPARTMENT AND WHITE HOUSE HAVE NAMES OF US DELEGATION TO FUNERAL WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING THEM SO THAT THE VATICAN COULD BE INFORMED PROMPTLY. IN CONFORMITY WITH PAST US PRACTICE WE SIMPLY INFORM VATICAN OF THE PRESIDENT'S DESIGNATION OF PERSONS WHO WILL BE ATTENDING AS HIS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES.

5. LEVEL OF DELEGATION TO POPE'S FUNERAL SHOULD BE DECIDED WITH DUE CONSIDERATION TO LEVEL OF DELEGATION FOR THE CORONATION OF SUCCESSOR. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD HERE THAT THE LATTER EVENT IS CONSIDERED BY BOTH THE VATICAN AND GOI TO BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE POPE'S FUNERAL. (FYI: GOI DOES NOT PLAN OR EXPECT CALLS BY DELEGATION LEADERS TO THE FUNERAL ON ITALIAN PRESIDENT OR OTHER OFFICIALS. THEY DO, HOWEVER, ENVISAGE SUCH CALLS ON OCCASION OF CORONATION.)

6. ENVOY WALTERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR US DELEGATION TO CORONATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE (OR MRS. ROSALYN CARTER)

B. SECRETARY VANCE

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C. SENATOR JAVITS

D. ENVOY WALTERS

(OTHER NAMES FOR POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION ARE SENATOR BYRD, SENATOR METZENBAUM, SENATOR KENNEDY, SENATOR MUSKIE AND REPRESENTATIVE FASCELL.)

7. DRESS AND OTHER PROTOCOLARY MATTERS WILL BE DEALT WITH IN SEPTTEL.HOLMES

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